



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Wednesday, January 13, 2021, 5:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall
4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC

PRESENT:

Councillor James Wang, Chair
Councillor Dan Johnston, Vice Chair (*participated electronically*)
Councillor Joe Keithley, Member (*participated electronically*)
Trustee Larry Hayes, Burnaby Board of Education (*participated electronically*)
Mr. Cory Redekop, Burnaby Board of Trade (*participated electronically*)
Ms. Anne Harvey, Resident Representative (*participated electronically*)
Ms. Linda Liu, Resident Representative
Mr. Craig McKee, Resident Representative
Mr. Heymann Yip, Resident Representative
Ms. Lisa Bruschetta, Vice Chair District #1 - Hastings/Brentwood
Mr. Aki Ediriweera, Chair District #2 - Burnaby Mountain (*participated electronically*)
Ms. Tazul Nisha Ali, Chair District #3 – Southeast (*participated electronically*)
Ms. Mary Gates, Chair District #4 – Southwest (*participated electronically*)

GUEST: Mr. Stephen Baron

STAFF:

Mr. Dave Critchley, Director Public Safety & Community Services
Chief Superintendent Deanne Burleigh, Officer in Charge, RCMP Burnaby Detachment
Superintendent Graham de la Gorgendiere, RCMP Burnaby Detachment
Sergeant Lorena Rostie, Strategic Planning NCO, RCMP Burnaby Detachment
Ms. Kathryn Matts, Administrative Officer

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the Open Commission meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and conducted the roll call. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the following members participated electronically: Councillor Johnston, Councillor Keithley, Trustee Hayes, Mr. Redekop, Ms. Harvey, Mr. Ediriweera, Ms. Ali, and Ms. Gates.

For the benefit of those participating electronically, the Chair read out the names of members and staff physically present.

The Chair, Councillor James Wang, recognized the ancestral and unceded homelands of the hən̓q̓əmi̓ñəm̓ and Skwxwú7mesh speaking peoples, and extended appreciation for the opportunity to hold a meeting on this territory.

The Chair advised that at the Open Council meeting held on 2020 December 14, Council made the following appointments to the Public Safety Committee:

- Councillor James Wang – Chair
- Councillor Dan Johnston – Vice Chair
- Councillor Joe Keithley – Member
- Ms. Anne Harvey – Resident Representative
- Ms. Linda Liu – Resident Representative
- Mr. Craig McKee – Resident Representative

The Chair welcomed the newly appointed Citizen Representatives, Anne Harvey, Craig McKee and Linda Liu.

2. **MINUTES**

2.1 **Minutes of the Public Safety Committee Open meeting held on 2020 November 25**

MOVED BY TRUSTEE HAYES
SECONDED BY MR. YIP

THAT the minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting held on 2020 November 25 be now adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **PRESENTATION**

3.1 **Burnaby RCMP Commercial Vehicle Enforcement**

Constable Kevin Connolly, Burnaby Traffic Services, RCMP, appeared before the Committee and provided an overview of the Detachment's Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) Enforcement Program.

In 2020, the RCMP CMV Enforcement Program:

- Conducted 23 CMV Enforcement Initiatives (15 in Burnaby) with 35 total days of enforcement;
- Actively mentored Traffic Investigators on Level 2 Inspections;
- Constable Connolly obtained his Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance Inspector Certification;
- Completed a Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Guide for General Duty members and a more in-depth guide for Traffic Investigators; and
- Adopted a regional approach with conducting CMV Enforcement.

Constable Connolly advised that CMV enforcement is effective, and provided inspection examples, and listed the following 2020 statistics in the City:

- 592 commercial truck inspections;
- 365 trucks taken off the roadway;
- 1,025 Motor Vehicle Accidents/Motor Vehicle Act Regulation Violations
- 76 mechanical defects.

The speaker noted that CMV safety is a regional, provincial and national concern, requiring a joint approach to reduce the number of dangerous motor vehicles from being on the road. During 2020, the Burnaby RCMP partnered with 17 provincial and municipal policing agencies for CMV Enforcement.

In conclusion, Constable Connolly stated that CMV enforcement conducted last year has made a tangible improvement to road safety. Commercial trucks with critical defects were taken off the roadway. At each initiative, the opportunity is taken to educate commercial truck drivers in an effort to prevent future road safety hazards. Through this continued and collaborative regional effort an observable decline in critically defective commercial trucks will be achieved.

4. **MONTHLY REPORTS**

4.1 **DISTRICT #1 - no submission**

There was no submission brought forward at this time.

4.2 DISTRICT #2 - no submission

There was no submission brought forward at this time.

4.3 DISTRICT #3 - no submission

There was no submission brought forward at this time.

4.4 DISTRICT #4 - no submission

There was no submission put forward at this time.

4.5 RCMP – 2020 October - November

Chief Superintendent Deanne Burleigh provided an overview of activities that took place during 2020 October and 2020 November, and highlighted the following:

- Traffic Services Unit investigated 228 collisions, 57 non-life threatening accidents and one fatality.
- Traffic Services conducted operations on 26 of the 30 days in November focused on a Metrotown Strategic Enforcement Project to address concerns in the area.
- Traffic Services acquired a new marked pick up truck dedicated for commercial vehicle enforcement.
- Drug Section took Fentanyl off the streets in five separate investigations
- Prolific Offender Suppression Team (POST) were able to return stolen items to the rightful owner in two instances where they had been properly marked and identified by the owner.
- Bike Section officers were out in the dark, short winter days conducting proactive patrols in busy areas.
- Bike section located a number of suspects wanted on arrest warrants and served notices of prohibition to a number of drivers.

Further, Chief Superintendent Burleigh noted the following current activities:

- Working with Burnaby Bylaw section to educate citizens on the most recent Public Health Orders.
- Continuing efforts to keep the members safe and healthy during the pandemic.

Chief Superintendent Deanne Burleigh, announced her retirement and expressed thanks to the Committee and staff for making her years in the position rewarding.

The Committee expressed appreciation to Chief Superintendent Burleigh and wished her all the best in her retirement.

Staff advised that Superintendent Graham de la Gorgendiere, would be attending the Committee meetings until the new Chief Superintendent is hired.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Heymann Yip - Bus Shelter Safety

Mr. Yip inquired as to the lack of lighting at several City bus shelters located close to park space and bushes. Mr. Yip spoke of a bus shelter on Deer Lake Parkway. There is no shelter or lighting at this bus stop and it is located close to an area of dense bush.

Staff undertook to follow up and investigate the concern.

6. INQUIRIES

There were no inquiries brought before the Committee at this time.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, the Open Committee meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

CHAIR

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER